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Editorial

Does This Interest You?

If your subscription is paid this item will be of no special interest to you because it does not concern you. Two weeks ago announcement was made that between that date and May 1, the Brethren Publication Board would need about \$600. At this writing we are somewhat ashamed to say just how much or what part of the \$600 has been received. It is due the office, and more than twice that amount. Why should we not have it? In all candor, let us be brotherly in this matter. There is time yet. The 1st of May will be here in a few days, but we can wait until the 7 or 8. If you are indebted to this office for any amount, will you not please remit? To send bills to all who owe this office would involve an expense of \$25 00. Why should not this amount be saved? Our former notice has directed our attention to the few errors in the mailing list which have now been corrected. We trust that it may not be necessary to repeat these appeals, as they are unpleasant to those who have paid their subscriptions, and as for ourselves we take no pleasure in writing them. It is a matter of necessity. The Board can not pay for its paper and labor unless these bills are paid. Let there be a hearty response to this appeal. Is it an unreasonable request that the Board should ask for one-third of the more than \$1500 due the office? It certainly is not. Let 400 of those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions remit at once after reading this notice. Will you do it?

Obituary Notices

We must ask our readers to cut down obituary notices. *The Gospel Messenger* with other papers charges fifty cents for the insertion of an obituary notice, and the editor says it has become the source of quite a nice little income for the church. We do not expect to charge for obituary notices. We gladly give our readers space for them. We do ask, however, that they be written up as briefly as possible. Sometimes our friends send long clippings from local papers and ask us to reprint in the EVANGELIST. Write out a brief notice of the death you wish an-

nounced, giving time of death, age, of what communion if any, and a few additional words. This will suffice except in special cases. As a rule the number of brothers and sisters, the number of grand children and their names are not matters of interest to the brotherhood. Write what you think will be a matter of information to the brotherhood, no more.

Important Notice

We have information from reliable sources that the time for the Maryland and Virginia Conference has been changed from May 17 to May 24. The churches in that district will please take note of the change. The Ohio State Conference will meet June 7 and close June 10. We hope the Pennsylvania Conference will find it convenient to fix a date somewhere between these two dates.

For the Month of May

All the numbers of *Our Little Folks* for the month of May have been mailed, rather they are being mailed with this week's EVANGELIST. Since the improvements in the paper, including illustrations, etc., the circulation has been constantly increasing. Primary classes not now using this little paper should send for sample copies. They will find it just what they need.

What To Eat

The question as to what we shall eat is an important one and puzzles many a good housewife. What shall we eat for supper, for breakfast, for dinner? These are almost daily questions. Next in importance to the question, "What shall we eat?" is the question, "How to prepare what we do have?" The latter question is completely answered in a book entitled, "The Meyersdale Cook Book." The Sisters' Society of Christian Endeavor of the Meyersdale congregation has prepared the matter for the book, and it is just from the press of the Brethren Publication Board. This is not one of the many unreliable, useless so called "Cook Books." It is a book of tested recipes for the preparation of almost every known article for the table. The recipes, we say, are tested, not alone by those who have prepared them for this book, but most of them have been tested by us personally. We have lived among the good sisters who have furnished these recipes, we have eaten at their tables, and we know whereof we speak. You will not regret having invested 25 cents in this book of above 300 tested recipes. Send your order to Mrs. Dr.

U. M. Beachly, Meyersdale, Pa., and receive a copy of the book. The price is 25 cents postage paid.

Standing Alone

Here are words from James Martineau which are well worth repeating: There are, within the range of every one's life, processes of life which must be solitary; passages of duty which throw one absolutely upon his individual moral forces, and admit of no aid whatever from another. Alone we must stand sometimes; and if our better nature is not to shrink into weakness, we must take with us the thought which was the strength of Christ, "Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me." The sense of right can more readily indurate the tender than melt the rocky soul, and that is the most finished character which begins in beauty and ends in power; which leans on the love of kindred while it may, and when it may not, can stand erect in the love of God; which shelters itself amid the domesticities of life while duty wills, and when it forbids can go forth under the expanse of immortality, and face any storm that beats, and traverse any wilderness that lies beneath the canopy.

Why Not?

People who imagine that entertainments of all kinds are necessary to keep up the spiritual activities of the church, and especially so among the young people will find something for fruitful meditation from the following related by the *Living Church*: The manager of an opera house in a Western town has made an attack upon the religious societies of the place in a vigorous protest and memorial to the city council. He claims that the churches and the halls connected with them are ruining his business by giving entertainments and concerts of the same description as those for which he has to pay one hundred dollars annually into the city treasury. They, on the other hand, are exempt from this tax. He asks that either his license shall be rebated, or that the churches be subject to the same charge, threatening at the same time to put in variety shows Sunday afternoon and evening, if his petition is not granted.

War Has Begun

At last war has been declared between the United States and Spain, and active hostilities have opened. The policy of this paper, representing as it does the gospel principles of peace, has been against war. To us it